

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A hand protector and grip enhancer,
2 comprising:

3 a generally C-shaped body;

4 a finger receiving pocket at a first end of said C-
5 shaped body; and

6 a thumb receiving pocket at a second end of said C-
7 shaped body.

1 2. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 1, wherein said C-shaped body is made of a material
3 having low thermal conductivity.

1 3. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 2, wherein said material possesses an inherent anti-slip
3 characteristic.

1 4. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 1, wherein said C-shaped body is heat resistant.

1 5. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 4, wherein said C-shaped body is formed from silicone.

1 6. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 4, wherein said C-shaped body comprises at least one of
3 elastomeric material and rubber.

1 7. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 1, wherein said C-shaped body is flexible about a hinge
3 region between said first and second ends.

1 8. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 7, wherein said hinge region is shaped to substantially
3 conform to a user's palm.

1 9. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 7, wherein said hinge region has a substantially convex
3 outer surface shape.

1 10. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 9, further comprises ribs at an interior region, wherein
3 said ribs define said convex outer surface shape of said
4 hinge region.

1 11. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 7, wherein said hinge region has a substantially flat
3 outer surface shape.

1 12. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 7, wherein said C-shaped body is symmetrical about said
3 hinge region.

1 13. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 7, wherein a length of said C-shaped body from said
3 hinge region to said first end is sized to generally
4 conform to a length of a user's hand from a palm region
5 to finger tips.

1 14. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 7, wherein a length of said C-shaped body from said
3 hinge region to said second end is sized to generally
4 conform to a length of a user's hand from a palm region
5 to a tip of said user's thumb.

1 15. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 7, wherein a length of said finger receiving pocket
3 extending from said hinge region to said first end is
4 substantially similar to a length of said thumb
5 receiving pocket extending from said hinge region to
6 said second end.

1 16. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 7, wherein a length of said finger receiving pocket
3 extending from said hinge region to said first end is
4 not similar to a length of said thumb receiving pocket
5 extending from said hinge region to said second end.

1 17. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 1, wherein said finger receiving pocket and said thumb
3 receiving pocket includes holes to permit air flow and
4 drainage.

1 18. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 1, wherein said each pocket includes a flap.

1 19. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 18, wherein said flap is integrally formed with said C-
3 shaped body.

1 20. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 1, wherein said C-shaped body further comprises an
3 interior region having ribs that run along a first wall
4 and a second wall extending from a hinge region.

1 21. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 20, wherein said ribs are of different lengths.

1 22. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 1, wherein said C-shaped body further comprises an
3 interior region having ribs that run along a first wall
4 and a second wall extending from a hinge region, wherein
5 a surface of said first and second wall comprises a
6 plurality of bumps and ridges.

1 23. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 22, wherein said surface of said first and second wall
3 further comprises a plurality of discrete protuberances.

1 24. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 1, wherein said thumb receiving pocket further comprises
3 a thumb receiving stall.

1 25. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 1, wherein said C-shaped body further comprises a strap

3 mechanism wherein at least one said pocket is defined by
4 a strap.

1 26. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 1, wherein said C-shaped body further comprises finger
3 guards attached to said first and second ends of said C-
4 shaped body.

1 27. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 1, wherein said finger receiving pocket and said thumb
3 receiving pockets are substantially similar in shape.

1 28. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 1, wherein said finger receiving pocket and said thumb
3 receiving pockets are not similar in shape.

1 29. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 1, wherein said first and second ends have a
3 substantially flat tip shape.

1 30. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim
2 29, wherein the substantially flat tip shape of said
3 first and second ends enable said hand protector and
4 grip enhancer to free stand in an upright position.

1 31. A hand protector and grip enhancer, comprising:
2 a generally C-shaped body;
3 a finger receiving pocket at a first end of said C-
4 shaped body; and
5 a thumb receiving pocket at a second end of said C-
6 shaped body, said thumb receiving pocket further
7 comprising a thumb receiving stall integrally formed to
8 an inside wall of said C-shaped body.

1 32. A hand protector and grip enhancer,
2 comprising:
3 a generally C-shaped body;
4 a finger receiving pocket at a first end of said C-
5 shaped body; and
6 a thumb receiving stall integrally formed to an
7 inside wall of said C-shaped body.

1 33. A hand protector and grip enhancer,
2 comprising:

3 a generally C-shaped body;

4 a first strap mechanism at a first end of said C-
5 shaped body for receiving a user's fingers; and

6 a second strap mechanism at a second end of said C-
7 shaped body for receiving said user's thumb.

1 34. A hand protector and grip enhancer,
2 comprising:

3 a generally C-shaped body;

4 a finger receiving pocket at a first end of said C-
5 shaped body;

6 a thumb receiving pocket at a second end of said C-
7 shaped body; and

8 a hinge region towards the center of said C-shaped
9 body, wherein a length of said finger receiving pocket
10 extending from said hinge region to said first end is
11 not substantially similar to a length of said thumb
12 receiving pocket extending from said hinge region to
13 said second end.

1 35. A hand protector and grip enhancer,
2 comprising:
3 a generally C-shaped body;
4 a finger receiving pocket at a first end of
5 said C-shaped body;
6 a thumb receiving pocket at a second end of
7 said C-shaped body; and
8 wherein said first and second ends have a
9 substantially flat tip shape which enables said hand
10 protector and grip enhancer to free stand in an upright
11 position.